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Mercury Pollution Control Board
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Dear IPCB

Nationally, forty-five states have health warnings for eating locally-caught fish due to mercury. In many cases, these warnings include all fish and all waters. We call on you to address, by all means possible, the substantial mercury pollution problem we face today.

One-in-four women of child-bearing age – over 630,000 – have blood mercury levels that can poison her developing child.

Nationally, estimates on the economic impacts to taxpayers for the effects of mercury poisoning range from as \$43.8 billion dollars per year.

Technology exists that would protect the health and safety of our communities by reducing mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants by 90% or more, and

Alternatives exist for most mercury-containing products or purposeful uses.

We need your comprehensive action to effectively deal with mercury pollution. We call upon you to initiate actions to address this problem at all levels.

Respectfully yours,

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